

since 1st January, 1884, when
an order in Council of 31st Decem-
ber, 1883, certificates of competency issued
before were made of equal value to
those issued by the Board of Trade, 610
of all grades have been issued.

**COURTS UNDER SECTION 13 OF
ORDINANCE No. 8 of 1879.**

The following courts have been held
in the year:—

On the 30th May, 1880. Inquiry as

randa of the British steamship
 official No. 95,465 of London, on
 the 'Shoal of Fagel Group, on the
 of the 3rd June. The master's
 (Lathen) certificate of competency
 depended for three months. The
 responsibility was accepted by the
 the Officer Administering the
 by a few days, the certificate
 turned on 13th August, 1890.
 the 5th November, 1890. To
 to the loss of the British yacht
 official No. 50,809 of Glasgow, on
 on the North coast of the island of
 Cayenne, Caracoe Group, on the 2nd
 of the 30th July. The master's
 certificate of competency was
 to him.
 on the 8th December, 1890. In-
 to the stranding of the British
Penbrooke, official No. 85,171
 on, on the 'Shoal off the island of
 sum, near Macao, on the night of
 of the 11th November. The mas-
 ter's (James) certificate of competency was
 id for six months.

SPAIN.

0,833 seamen were shipped and discharged at the shipping office and ships during the year; the difference owing to the number of seamen at the various consulates of which no record.

14 distressed seamen were received the year. Of these, 73 were sent to the Kingdom, 37 elsewhere, and 14 remained on board the ship. 18, 10 were in the Government Hospital and 2 in the Lunatic Asylum. £24,800.99 were expended by the Admiralty for the relief of these men, and £342.54 for the relief at flow in the shipwrecked crew of the barque *Ministral*.

THE SURVEYOR'S SUB-DEPARTMENT.

During the past year the colony has

valuable services of Mr Brower, Surveyor, and Mr Wagner, Assistant Surveyor. Mr Brewer went very bad home in the season, 1888, and he was in England in December, 1889, and a few months later Mr Wagner, who was performing the duties of Marine Surveyor, died in Hongkong. Previous to his arrival from England of the officers were appointed to fill the vacancies, and the surveys were performed first by Andrew Buchanan, and on his leaving for England, John W. Kinghorn. In September, 1890, Messrs. Buchanan and Kinghorn were appointed from England as Marine Surveyors, and Mr Robert George Cretcher, as Assistant Surveyor. The Return No. XXIII of 1891, which was published in the year 1892, performed in this branch of the Harbours Department.

light-vessel on Kollet's Bank was re-opened on June 1st, the result of an examination of the bottom showing that the anchor was on place over the stone-laden junk. The vessel was then lowered to the bottom, and the anchor was raised and disappeared in the soft mud at the bottom.

The third light-keeper's services were terminated on account of misconduct on the part of the man, who was discharged on his own account. An increased rate of pay had been sanctioned for the Chinese assistant-keeper, who is now to be paid \$100 per month. It is hoped that this will induce a more efficient man with more efficiency to the service.

BOOKERS HOOK.

The suggested operations at the Bookers Hook proving too costly were abandoned. It was found necessary during the year to renew the moorings, ac-

total cost of \$945.87.

GOVERNMENT GUNPOWDER DEPOSIT.

are given showing the storage of

darl.

The condition of the Magazine is improved, extensive repairs have been carried out making good ravages of rats, etc., but the tiled roof requires repair.

Wharf is being built and is nearly

ed.

subject of excluding the public from the vicinity of the Magazine is one which, it should receive consideration. As this is the only port on the Suez Canal where the public can land special 'permits' and when it is met with what care such like premises are guarded, the omission in this

to call for remark.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (OPTUM) OFFICE.

The Return shows that during the amount of Optum reported was as

.....	62,463	cheats
.....	68,024	"
cargo reported but not		
.....	10,004	"

4 permits were issued from this office in 1900, and the amount of cargo is chiefly attributable to removers now required to state the hour of , so that if two cheats are to be required at different hours, two permits are required.

By memo. of export permits was the year sent to the Kowloon Customs. By this means, we are able to haul every chest for which an export is issued has really been exported.

Exchange.
HONGKONG, May 1.

Wire,	3/4
On demand,	3/10
80 days' sight,	3/10
4 months' sight,	3/2
do, 4 "	3/2
6 months' sight,	3/2
On demand,	3.06
do, 4 months' sight,	4.06
do—	—
On demand,	3.10

York—			
Demand, .....	...	...	784
Rate, 30 days' sight, ...	...	...	75
Money—			
Demand, .....	...	...	221½
Rate, .....	...	...	221
Demand, .....	...	...	221½
Rate, .....	...	...	221
Demand, .....	...	...	784
Rate, 100 days' sight, .....	...	...	223.10p. tact
Rate (Ran's buying rate) @ 6.55			

Intimations.

STAG HOTEL,

Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.
THIS HOTEL, situated in the most central part of Hongkong, is a first-class hotel, and is well supplied with the best facilities for the accommodation of visitors.

THE TABLE is always well supplied with the best articles of the season.

WINE, LIQUORS, &c., of the very best quality only.

CHARGES MODERATE.

HING LEE & Co.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, April 13, 1891.

(ALDOBECK & MACGREGOR & Co.,

Wine and Spirit Merchants,
Alo and Stout Merchants,
13, QUEEN'S ROAD,
HONGKONG.

Agencies in all the Principal Ports of China and Japan.

Hongkong, December 23, 1890.

MAC'S AINE

SPECIAL BLEND OF
FINEST OLD VALED
SCOTCH WHISKY,

Of unsurpassed body and exquisite and highly refined flavor.

Price, \$10 per Case.

Sole Agent,
JOHN D. HUTCHISON,
Hongkong, October 30, 1890.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS
TO THE
HONGKONG TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

1. Arnold, Karberg & Co.

2. Alho Memorial Hospital.

3. Adamson, Bell & Co.

4. Butterfield & Swire.

5. Brodie, W., Residence.

6. Bellios & Co.

7. Bellios, L. R., Kingclerk.

8. Bellios, L. R., The Strye.

9. Hartigan, Dr. Wm., Queen's Road.

10. Cantio, Dr. J., Queen's Road.

11. Cantio, Dr. Alex., Queen's Road.

12. China & Japan Telephone Co., Ltd.

13. Chater & Vernon.

14. Central Police Station.

15. China Mail.

16. China Bureau Co., Ltd., Steam Saw Mill, Wanchow.

17. Carlotta & Co.

18. Corrie, Dr. Alex.

19. Daily Press.

20. Douglas Laprak & Co.

21. Dain, B. & Co., Ltd.

22. E. E. & A. China Telegraph Co., Ltd.

23. E. E. & A. N. J. Residence.

24. E. E. & A. J. Residence.

25. Foster, F. T. P.

26. Great Northern Telegraph Co.

27. Gibb, Livingston & Co.

28. Government House.

29. Gordon, A. G. & Co., Praya.

30. Gordon, A. G. & Co., Bowington.

31. Government Civil Hospital.

32. Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

33. H. K. & W. Dock & Aberdeen Dock.

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Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Proposed Schedule from Hongkong, 1891.

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Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

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U. S. MAIL LINE.

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